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# Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year 2022 Results

Sezzle Inc. (ASX:SZL) (Sezzle or Company) // Sezzle, a leader in the payments industry, is pleased to provide the market with an update on key financial metrics for the quarter (4Q22) and year ended 31 December 2022.<sup>1</sup>

"Fiscal year 2022 will go down as a watershed moment for Sezzle. We went from a Company that reported a Net Loss of US\$75.2 million in fiscal year 2021 to exiting 2022 with Net Income in the fourth quarter," stated Charlie Youakim, Sezzle's Executive Chairman and CEO. "Our team worked tirelessly towards implementing over US\$70.0 million (annualized) in revenue and cost initiatives in 2022, resulting in profitability in 4Q22. We are also excited to announce that we have identified additional initiatives that we believe will drive another US\$10.0 million in revenue and cost benefits to Sezzle."

# Key Initiatives Launched in 2022:

- In July 2022, the Company announced over US\$50.0 million in annual revenue and cost initiatives to improve free cash flow and accelerate its path to profitability (*Quarterly Activities Report and Appendix 4C* and *Second Quarter Earnings Presentation* filed with the ASX 29 July 2022). This amount was subsequently increased in September 2022 to over US\$60.0 million (*August Business Update* published on the ASX 21 September 2022).
- The initiatives launched by Sezzle during 2022 resulted in a run-rate that exceeded US\$70.0 million by fiscal year end.
- The Company's key 2022 initiatives included:
  - Launched Sezzle Premium, which has now reached over 132,000 subscribers;
  - $_{\odot}$   $\,$  Offboarded or renegotiated pricing with merchants and network partners;
  - Made affiliate merchant enhancements (e.g., expanded enterprise affiliates, monetizing app placement);
  - Reduction in workforce;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Results are unaudited. The Company anticipates filing its annual Form 10-K with the SEC and ASX in the latter half of the week of 27 February 2023.

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- Initiated convenience fees;
- Ceased payment operations in India;
- Winding down European and Brazilian operations;
- Reduced, renegotiated, and eliminated non-critical third-party tech and marketing spend; and
- o Introduced Pay in Full.

#### Next Round of Initiatives:

- The Company has identified an additional US\$10.0 million in initiatives to launch over the next 12 to 18 months. The initiatives are grouped into three buckets and are mostly focused on driving top-line growth:
  - Product Innovation (e.g., pay anywhere card product);
  - Feature Monetization (e.g., affiliate payment models and pay-per-click placement in Sezzle app); and
  - Partnerships (e.g., bank partnership).

#### Fourth Quarter 2022 Highlights:

- Total Income for 4Q22 rose 16.2% YoY to a record high US\$38.3 million (A\$56.2 million<sup>1</sup>) from US\$32.9 million (A\$48.4 million<sup>1</sup>) and represented 8.5% of Underlying Merchant Sales (UMS). Total Income improved YoY due to the Company's initiatives such as Sezzle Premium.
- Weekly volume through Sezzle's marketplace averaged 29% of total volume per week during the quarter, compared to 11% in the prior year's fourth quarter.
- 4Q22 UMS declined 19.4% YoY to US\$452.3 million. Key factors for the YoY weakness were renegotiating and offboarding unprofitable merchants, tightening of consumer underwriting, and competition.
- In addition to top-line growth, improved unit economics and a more efficient operating structure drove the positive turn in Non-GAAP Adjusted EBTDA and Adjusted EBITDA in 4Q22 to US\$3.9 million and US\$7.0 million, respectively. Adjusted EBTDA and Adjusted EBITDA each improved by over US\$28.0 million compared to 4Q21.
- 4Q22 Net Income increased to US\$0.6 million from a Net Loss of US\$25.9 million in the prior year, resulting in a positive US\$26.6 million turnaround. In addition to the

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}\,\text{A}\$$  to US\$ exchange rate of \$0.6805 as of 31 December 2022.

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Company's initiatives, a significant portion of the YoY improvement was attributable to the reduction in the Provision for Uncollectible Accounts.

- The Provision for Uncollectible Accounts fell to 1.2% of UMS in 4Q22 from 3.5% in 4Q21.
- In 2022, the Company launched its proprietary machine learning model called Prophet. The model has proven to be a significantly better predictor in identifying high-risk consumers than FICO (Fair Isaac Corporation) and alternative third-party providers.
- The Prophet score for the month of December 2022 predicted a 1.8% probability of default for Sezzle's approved consumers compared to 3.2% in December 2021.

# Full Year 2022 Highlights:

- FY22 revenue initiatives lifted Total Income 9.4% YoY to US\$125.6 million despite a tough macroeconomic environment and moderated transaction volumes.
  - Renegotiated rates with merchants and network partners helped increase
    Total Transaction Income to 5.9% of UMS, representing a 71bps YoY increase.
  - The Company made significant progress in diversifying its revenue streams, as merchant processing fees accounted for 73.7% of Total Income in FY22, down from 80.5% in FY21.
- Total Income less Transaction Related Expenses significantly improved YoY by US\$33.6 million to US\$47.1 million, or 2.7% of UMS, a 196bps YoY improvement as a percentage of UMS.
  - Sezzle's enhanced underwriting drove the Provision for Uncollectible Accounts as a percentage of UMS to a historic annual low of 1.7%.
- Net Loss decreased 49.3% YoY to \$38.1 million for FY22 due to the Company's revenue and cost initiatives as well as the improvement in the Provision for Uncollectible Accounts.

### Capital Position:

- As of 31 December 2022, Sezzle had total cash on hand of US\$69.5 million, consisting of US\$68.3 million of bank balances and US\$1.2 million of restricted cash.
- The increase in total cash on hand of US\$10.8 million during the fourth quarter was primarily driven by additional borrowings under the line of credit.



- During 4Q22 (refer to ASX announcement of 18 October 2022), the Company signed a new US\$100.0 million credit facility with Bastion Management II LLC (**Bastion**), replacing the Company's credit facility with Goldman Sachs Bank USA and Bastion.
  - The new facility provides greater capacity, improved flexibility, and extends Sezzle's funding into 2024.
- As of 31 December 2022, notes receivable (net) and merchant accounts payable amounted to \$93.4 million and \$83.0 million, respectively. The Merchant Interest Program represented \$66.5 million of the Merchant Accounts Payable balance.
- Profitable operations, a leaner operating structure, and the new credit facility leave the Company well-capitalized for the foreseeable future, and therefore, management does not foresee any near-term capital raises.

## January 2023 Monthly Update:

- Total Income increased 18.3% YoY to US\$11.7 million, reaching a new high as a percentage of UMS 10.0%.
- Average daily UMS is up over 8.0% in February 2023 (through 25 February) compared to January 2023.
- Incurred a Net Loss (a GAAP measure) of US\$0.2 million for January, which compares to an average monthly Net Loss of US\$9.3 million in 1Q22.
  - The Net Loss for January was primarily driven by lower UMS, peak seasonal transaction processing volumes from the holiday period falling into the period, and the timing of certain employee benefit payments.
- Despite the monthly Net Loss, Adjusted EBTDA and Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP measures) remained positive at US\$1.0 million and US\$2.0 million, respectively.
- Diligent holiday underwriting and overall enhanced underwriting capabilities continue to drive favorable YoY trends in the Provision for Uncollectible Accounts.
- Sezzle Premium has over 132,000 active subscribers (22 February 2023).

# Quarterly Conference Call

The management team will host a conference call to discuss the quarterly earnings with investors on 28 February 2023, at 10:30 am (Sydney time).

Participants can register for the conference call by navigating to: <u>https://s1.c-conf.com/diamondpass/10029102-6niz39.html</u>



Please note that registered participants will receive their dial in number upon registration.

Investors are encouraged to submit any questions in advance of the call by emailing them to: Investorrelations@sezzle.com.

### U.S. Filings

In accordance with the provisions of the U.S. Securities Act, Sezzle is a reporting company for U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (**SEC**) purposes. As such, the Company is required to file its annual Form 10-K for the period ended 31 December 2022 no later than 31 March 2023 (U.S. time) with a copy of the Form 10-K to be lodged concurrently on the ASX platform pursuant to the ASX relief announced to the ASX on 28 November 2022. The Company anticipates filing its Form 10-K with the SEC and the ASX during the latter half of the week of 27 February 2023.

This announcement has been approved by the Company's Executive Chairman and CEO, Charlie Youakim, on behalf of the Sezzle Inc. Board.



Consolidated Balance Sheets	As of					
	Dec	ember 31, 2022	December 31, 20	21		
Assets						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	68,279,539				
Restricted cash, current		1,223,119	1,886,4	140		
Notes receivable, net		93,358,404	133,986,5	583		
Other receivables, net		2,532,710	5,084,0			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		4,737,688	3,350,0			
Total current assets		170,131,460	221,290,9	903		
Non-Current Assets						
Internally developed intangible assets, net		1,322,836	910,5	584		
Property and equipment, net		281,605	662,4	472		
Operating right-of-use assets		86,715	285,8	865		
Restricted cash, non-current		20,000	20,0	000		
Other assets		733,922	233,7	752		
Total Assets	\$	172,576,538	\$ 223,403,5	573		
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity						
Current Liabilities						
Merchant accounts payable	\$	83,020,739	\$ 96,516,6	<u>568</u>		
Operating lease liabilities		79,312	171,9	759		
Accrued liabilities		10,448,872	7,996,7	772		
Other payables		4,129,371	2,874,0	046		
Deferred revenue		1,516,228		_		
Total current liabilities		99,194,522	107,559,4	145		
Long Term Liabilities						
Long term debt		250,000	250,0	000		
Operating lease liabilities		—	90,9	762		
Line of credit, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of						
\$1,222,525 and \$1,088,869, respectively		63,777,475	77,711	,131		
Warrant liabilities		511,295		_		
Total Liabilities		163,733,292	185,611,5	538		
Commitments and Contingencies						
Stockholders' Equity						
Common stock, \$0.00001 par value; 750,000,000 shares						
authorized; 209,270,070 and 204,891,057 shares issued,						
respectively; 208,181,834 and 204,230,939 shares outstanding,						
respectively		2,083	2,0	044		
Additional paid-in capital		179,054,368	168,338,0	673		
Stock subscriptions: 0 and 20,729 shares subscribed, respectively		_	(18,5	45		
Treasury stock, at cost: 1,088,236 and 660,118 shares, respectively		(4,072,752)	(3,691,3			
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income		(643,974)	563			
Accumulated deficit		(165,496,479)	(127,402,7			
Total Stockholders' Equity		<b>8,843,246</b>				
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	172,576,538				

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# Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss

	For the years ended				
Total income		ember 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
		125,570,441 \$	114,816,635		
Operating Expenses					
Personnel		51,217,083	56,831,368		
Transaction expense		40,776,825	43,476,143		
Third-party technology and data		8,190,022	5,549,844		
Marketing, advertising, and tradeshows		18,972,025	9,251,854		
General and administrative		16,411,912	15,768,583		
Provision for uncollectible accounts		29,437,179	52,621,682		
Reimbursement of merger-related costs		(11,000,000)	_		
Total operating expenses		154,005,046	183,499,474		
Operating Loss		(28,434,605)	(68,682,839)		
Other Income (Expense)					
Net interest expense		(8,600,716)	(5,269,284)		
Other expense, net		(225,606)	(65,145)		
Loss on extinguishment of line of credit		(813,806)	(1,092,679)		
Fair value adjustment on warrants		50,424			
Loss before taxes		(38,024,309)	(75,109,947)		
Income tax expense		69,447	58,416		
Net Loss		(38,093,756)	(75,168,363)		
Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income					
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(1,207,885)	69,406		
Total Comprehensive Loss	\$	(39,301,641) \$	(75,098,957)		
Net loss per share:					
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$	(0.18) \$	(0.38		
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding		206,856,959	200,344,028		

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## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	For the yea			
	December 31, 2022	2 December 31, 2021		
Operating Activities:				
Net loss	\$ (38,093,	756) \$ (75,168,363		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided from (used for) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	847	7,126 749,11		
Provision for uncollectible accounts	29,437	7,179 52,621,682		
Provision for other uncollectible receivables	9,257,	,284 7,349,852		
Equity based compensation and restricted stock vested	10,309,	,535 14,161,754		
Amortization of debt issuance costs	983,	,745 689,930		
Impairment losses on long-lived assets	39	9,512 5,475		
Fair value adjustment on warrants	(50,4	424) —		
Loss on extinguishment of line of credit	813	,806 1,092,679		
Loss on sale of fixed assets	79	,683 —		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Notes receivable	10,590	,769 (105,950,424		
Other receivables	(6,710,	739) (11,031,826		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(1,353,	026) (1,855,206		
Merchant accounts payable	(12,928,9	944) 35,696,079		
Other payables	1,281	,500 2,111,082		
Accrued liabilities	2,476	,822 7,416,249		
Deferred revenue	1,516	,228 —		
Operating leases	15,	548 (20,124		
Net Cash Provided from (Used for) Operating Activities	8,511,	,848 (72,132,050		
Investing Activities:				
Purchase of property and equipment		236) (686,032		
Internally developed intangible asset additions	(955,	,841) (733,995		
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	(1,008,	077) (1,420,027)		
Financing Activities:				
Payments on long term debt		— (1,220,332		
Proceeds from line of credit	71,155,	,556 174,666,667		
Payments to line of credit	(84,955,	556) (135,866,667		
Payments of debt issuance costs	(1,330,	,901) (1,697,705		
Payment of debt extinguishment costs	(600,	307) (1,000,000		
Proceeds from stock option exercises	100	,370 765,786		
Stock subscriptions collected related to stock option	324	,378 246,999		
Repurchase of common stock	(381,4	434) (2,652,014		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock				
Costs incurred from issuance of common stock		— (2,768		
Net Cash (Used for) Provided from Financing Activities	(15,687,	894) 63,239,966		



#### Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)

		For the years ended			
		December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(1,183,387)	98,376		
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		(8,184,123)	(10,312,111)		
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, beginning of year	78,890,168 89,1				
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, end of year	\$	69,522,658 \$	78,890,168		
Noncash investing and financing activities:					
Lease liabilities arising from obtaining right-of-use assets	\$	8,005 \$	328,341		
Issuance of restricted stock units for settlement of accrued expenses		_	1,996,779		
Conversion of liability-classified incentive awards to stockholders' equity		_	8,580,123		
Withholding of restricted stock units to cover employee tax withholding		_	164,081		
Issuance of warrants		561,719	_		
Supplementary disclosures:					
Interest paid	\$	7,790,430\$	4,819,604		
Income taxes paid		65,395	56,017		

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## Appendix – Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures

Reconciliation of Total Income to Total Income less Transaction Related Costs

	For the year ended					
(in \$US thousands)	Decer	nber 31, 2022	December 31, 2021			
Total income	\$	125,570	\$	114,817		
Less: Transaction related costs						
Transaction expense		(40,777)		(43,476)		
Provision for uncollectible accounts		(29,437)		(52,622)		
Net interest expense		(8,601)		(5,269)		
Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs		316		-		
Transaction related costs		(78,498)		(101,367)		
Total income less transaction related costs	\$	47,072	\$	13,450		

#### Reconciliation of Net Loss to Adjusted EBTDA and Adjusted EBITDA

	For the	month ended	For the three months ended			
(in \$US thousands) Net income (loss)	Janua	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021		
	\$	(187)	\$	634	\$	(25,922)
Depreciation and amortization		65		198		211
Income tax expense		-		21		7
Equity and incentive-based compensation		790		2,103		505
Other income and expense, net		11		200		48
Merger-related costs		-		-		642
Reimbursement of merger-related costs		-		-		-
Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs		-		-		-
Loss on extinguishment of line of credit		-		814		-
Fair value adjustment on warrants		339		(50)		-
Adjusted EBTDA	\$	1,018	\$	3,919	\$	(24,508)
Net interest expense	\$	989	\$	3,124	\$	1,517
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	2,007	\$	7,043	\$	(22,991)

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In addition to financial measures presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"), this Announcement includes certain financial information, including Underlying Merchant Sales ("UMS"), Active Consumers and Active Merchants, which has been provided as supplemental measures of operating performance that are key metrics used by management to assess Sezzle's growth and operating performance. In particular, UMS is a key operating metric in assessing the volume of transactions that take place on the Sezzle Platform, which is an indicator of the success of Sezzle's merchants and the strength of the Sezzle Platform. Sezzle also use these operating metrics in order to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies, to make budgeting decisions, and to compare our performance against that of other peer companies using similar measures. UMS, Active Consumers and Active Merchants do not represent revenue earned by Sezzle, are not components of Sezzle's income or included within Sezzle's financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP. The UMS, Active Consumers and Active Merchants do not represent financial measures used by Sezzle may differ from the non-U.S. GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

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#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our operating results prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), we present the following non-GAAP financial measures: Total income less transaction related costs; adjusted earnings before taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA"); and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA"). Definitions of these non-GAAP financial measures and summaries of the reasons why management believes that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to the company and investors are as follows:

- Total income less transaction related costs is defined as GAAP total income less transaction related costs. Transaction related costs is the sum of GAAP transaction expense, provision for uncollectible accounts, and net interest expense less non-recurring charges as detailed in the reconciliation table of total income less transaction related costs to GAAP total income. We believe that total income less transaction related costs is a useful financial measure to both management and investors for evaluating the economic value of orders processed on the Sezzle Platform;
- Adjusted EBTDA is defined as GAAP net income (loss), adjusted for certain non-cash and nonrecurring charges including depreciation, amortization, equity and incentive-based compensation, and merger-related costs as detailed in the reconciliation table of adjusted EBTDA to GAAP net income (loss) below. We believe that this financial measure is a useful measure for period-to-period comparison of our business by removing the effect of certain non-cash and non-recurring charges that may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business.
- Adjusted EBITDA is defined as GAAP net income (loss), adjusted for certain non-cash and nonrecurring charges including depreciation, amortization, equity and incentive-based compensation, and merger-related costs, as well as net interest expense as detailed in the reconciliation table of GAAP net income (loss) to adjusted EBITDA. We believe that this financial measure is a useful measure for period-to-period comparison of our business by removing the effect of certain non-cash and non-recurring charges, as well as funding costs, that may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business.

Additionally, we have included these non-GAAP measures because they are key measures used by our management to evaluate our operating performance, guide future operating plans, and make strategic decisions, including those relating to operating expenses and the allocation of resources. Therefore, we believe these measures provide useful information to investors and other users of this press release to understand and evaluate our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors. However, non-GAAP financial measures have limitations, should be considered supplemental in nature, and are not meant as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These limitations include the following:

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- Total income less transaction related costs is not intended to be measures of operating profit or cash flow profitability as they exclude key operating expenses such as personnel, general and administrative, and third-party technology and data, which have been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, significant recurring expenses.
- Adjusted EBTDA and adjusted EBITDA exclude certain recurring, non-cash charges such as depreciation, amortization, and equity and incentive-based compensation, which have been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, recurring GAAP expenses. Further, these non-GAAP financial measures exclude certain significant cash inflows and outflows, such as merger-related costs (which are comprised of legal fees in connection with our terminated proposed merger with Zip Co Limited) and reimbursements for such merger-related costs, which have a significant impact on our workina capital and cash.
- Adjusted EBITDA excludes net interest expense, which has a significant impact on our GAAP net income, working capital, and cash.
- Long-lived assets being depreciated or amortized may need to be replaced in the future, and these non-GAAP financial measures do not reflect the capital expenditures needed for such replacements, or for any new capital expenditures or commitments.
- These non-GAAP financial measures do not reflect income taxes that may represent a reduction in cash available to us.
- Non-GAAP measures do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs.
- Other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate the non-GAAP financial measures differently or not at all, which reduces their usefulness as comparative measures.

Because of these limitations, you should not consider these non-GAAP financial measures in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our financial results as reported under GAAP, and these non-GAAP financial measures should be considered alongside other financial performance measures, including net income (loss) and other financial results presented in accordance with GAAP. We encourage you to review the related GAAP financial measures and the reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures and not rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.